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TAGS: SGEN, GE

SUBJECT: US-GDR SWIM MEET

REF: STATE 179140; BERLIN 6476

1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED FROM GDR HOST ORGANIZATION THAT 67 AMERICANS TO BE IN PARTY FOR US/GDR SWIM MEET, 52 TEAM MEMBERS AND COACHES, 15 SPOUSES AND OTHER ACCOMPANYING PERSONS. WE DO NOT KNOW IF US MEDIA REPS TRAVELLING WITH GROUP. GROUP TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE BERLIN LATE AFTERNOON AUGUST 23, DEPART FOR LENINGRAD AUGUST 31. FOLLOWING SCHEDULE NOW PLANNED FOR PARTY BY GDR HOSTS:

- AUGUST 23 ARRIVAL RECEPTION
- AUGUST 25 AFTERNOON/EVENING BOAT TOUR OF LAKES AND CANALS AROUND EAST BERLIN
- AUGUST 26 AFTERNOON CITY TOUR, FOLLOWED BY EVENING RECEPTION
- AUGUST 27-28 COMPETITION
- AUGUST 29 DAY TRIP TO DRESDEN
- AUGUST 31 DEPART FOR LENINGRAD

2. QUERY AS TO WHAT EVENING MOST SUITABLE FOR POSSIBLE SOCIAL EVENT HOSTED BY EMBASSY HAS PRODUCED SUGGESTION UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR AUGUST 30. IF AMBASSADOR BOLEN CONCURS, EMBASSY PROPOSES HAVING RECEPTION 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. AUGUST 30. IF CREDENTIALS CEREMONY COMPLETED BY THAT DATE, INVITATIONS COULD GO OUT IN NAME OF AMBASSADOR; IF NOT, DCM COULD ACT AS HOST. WE WOULD PROPOSE INVITING ALL MEMBERS OF US PARTY, INCLUDING POSSIBLE MEDIA REPS; ALL MEMBERS AND COACHES OF GDR SWIM TEAM PLUS APPROPRIATE

REPS FROM GDR NATIONAL SPORTS ASSOCIATION, MEMBERS OF AMERICAN SECTION OF MFA AND MEMBERS OF EMBASSY STAFF. WE DO NOT KNOW NOW WHAT TOTAL NUMBER OF INVITEES WOULD AMOUNT TO.

3. THERE ARE TWO POSSIBLE LOCATIONS FOR RECEPTION. ONE WOULD BE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE WHICH COULD HOLD LARGE NUMBER OF GUESTS, ALTHOUGH RECEPTION THERE SO SOON AFTER ARRIVAL OF AMBASSADOR AND MRS. BOLEN MAY BE TOO GREAT AN INCONVENIENCE. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY --WHICH WE RECOMMEND-- WOULD BE TO HOLD RECEPTION IN LIBRARY/AUDITORIUM OF CHANCERY. THIS WOULD HAVE ADVANTAGE OF CENTRAL LOCATION IN EAST BERLIN AND OF FACILITATING ACCESS TO CHANCERY BY A PRIVILEGED SEGMENT OF GDR YOUTH WITH POSSIBLE FAVORABLE AFTER EFFECTS. PLEASE ADVISE REGARDING PROPOSED TIMING, SCOPE OF GUEST LIST, AND PREFERRED LOCATION. POLANSKY

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